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SPECIES ELECTION
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction mailed April 18, 2003; and includes
a Preliminary Amendment.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION WITH SPECIES ELECTION

In response to the species restriction requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect
the Species (b): Figure 4, with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that the search and
examination of the species of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See
MPEP §803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can
be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added).

It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply to the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

The pending claims, based on the amendment herein, are claims 1-20. Claims 1-20 read on FIG. 4, FIG. 5 (which adds to the description of FIG. 4: see specification, page 9, line 9), and the description of FIGS. 4 and 5 in the specification. Claims 1, 12, and 14 are generic. Applicants respectfully believe that all claims, including the all amended claims and new claim, are each within the scope of the species elected herein.